

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 THE HA 00383 240633Z

12

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 AGR-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00

DODE-00 FRB-02 H-03 INR-10 INT-08 L-03 LAB-06 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 AID-20 CIEP-02 SS-20 STR-08

TAR-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15 PRS-01 SPC-03 FEA-02 OMB-01

DRC-01 /181 W

----- 071071

R 231630Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2799

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION USEC BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE THE HAGUE 383

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EEC, NL

SUBJECT: GON OFFICIAL CITES CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE
IN EEC

REF: THE HAGUE 0333

1. DURING JAN 22 PRESS CONFERENCE, STATE SECRETARY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRINKHORST SAID FRENCH DECISION TO
FLOAT FRANC HAD CAUSED CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE AND SET IN
MOTION "UNRAVELING" PROCESS IN EEC. HE ATTRIBUTED CRISIS
TO LACK OF MUTUAL TRUST AND SAID SHORT-TERM
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 THE HA 00383 240633Z

NATIONAL INTERESTS HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO PREVAIL OVER

COMMUNITY INTERESTS. IT WAS, HOWEVER, UNREALISTIC TO ASSUME HOLLAND WOULD THREATEN TO WALK OUT OF COMMUNITY.

2. BRINKHORST DESCRIBED FRENCH POLICIES AS DISPLAYING "FUNDAMENTAL PARADOX" IN THAT FRANCE ASPIRES FOR INDEPENDENT EUROPE BUT IS UNWILLING TO GIVE IT NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS. HE SAID HOLLAND, CONTRARY TO FRANCE, STARTED FROM ASSUMPTION ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS CLEARLY INTER-LINKED WITH EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND UNRAVELING OF THE FORMER WOULD THEREFORE AFFECT THE LATTER. ON OTHER HAND, GENUINE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HAD EMERGED RE ATTITUDE EUROPE SHOULD ADOPT TOWARD US AND THIS IN TURN HAD AFFECTED FUNCTIONING OF COMMON MARKET.

3. COMMENT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE): IN CONVERSATION SAME DATE WITH US REPS, SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL WAS EVEN MORE PESSIMISTIC AND EXPLICIT IN DESCRIBING EC'S DISARRAY, FRENCH ROLE IN REGARD THERETO, AND FRUSTRATING POSITION DUTCH FIND THEMSELVES IN AS RESULT.
GOULD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, FOREIGN RELATIONS, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974THEHA00383
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: THE HAGUE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740120/aaaaasxu.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: THE HAGUE 0333
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 MAR 2002 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <29 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GON OFFICIAL CITES CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN EEC
TAGS: ECON, EFIN, NL, XG, US, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005